

AD HOC FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 15, 2020

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Farmland Preservation Plan Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, in Rooms G and H of the City-County Government Center.

Frank Bartzen: 6:30-8:50 p.m.

Sara O'Brien: 6:30-8:22 p.m.

Shelly Hiemstra: 6:30-8:50 p.m. (Vice Chair)

John Ruedinger: 6:30-8:50 p.m. (Chair)

Bill Wiese: 6:30-8:50 p.m.

John Bertram: 6:30-6:54 p.m. (conference call)

Richard Guell: Absent

Joe Loehr: Absent

Steve Smits: Absent

Also present were Ken Jaworski, John Scopelliti, Paul Tollard, Tina Kohlman, and Terry Dietzel. Present on the conference call was Jeff Kussow.

1. Call meeting to order.

Chair John Ruedinger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll call and introductions.

Roll call was taken and attendees gave introductions.

3. Members of the public who wish to address the committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the committee chair, as set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order."

There was no public comment.

4. Data gathering and agriculture trend analysis of the work plan for the Farmland Preservation Plan update. Ad hoc committee to provide input in the following areas:

a. Discuss Farmland Preservation maps submitted by towns.

b. Review and discuss a list of agricultural businesses located in Fond du Lac County.

c. Discuss agriculture infrastructure trends.

d. Discuss nutrient management plans.

John Scopelliti gave a quick update to the committee regarding the current status of the Farmland Preservation maps submitted by the town. John informed the committee that he had received 20 of 21 Town maps with changes before their initial deadline at the end of August. The lone Town had changes made for them by the County. Currently, the maps are in the hands of Cedar Corporation so they can make the changes to the maps via GIS. John has been informed by Cedar Corporation that the draft final maps would be in his hands for final review in the coming weeks to get one final review before submitting the documentation to DATCP.

Ken Jaworski started the conversation regarding the review and discussing of the list of agricultural business located in Fond du Lac County. Tina Kohlman expressed that she reached to Envision Greater Fond du Lac regarding the Agricultural Business in Fond du Lac County. Tina stated she conducted a query with the data she had and found 360 business matches. Tina asked about Agricultural providers being a necessary query moving forward and Ken Jaworski stated that it would help in the data collection process for the plan. Ken Jaworski asked Chair Ruedinger to start the discussion of Table 3-3, *Fond du Lac County Agricultural Providers*, which is a table from the 2012 Fond du Lac County Farmland Preservation Plan.

Chair Ruedinger started the conversation and was informed that John Bertram (conference call) had to leave early for another meeting so the committee went through his notes that he made so he could leave. After the committee went through John Bertram's comments, Chair Ruedinger started going down Table 3-3 and discussed all of the following Activities and Fond du Lac County Agricultural Providers:

- Cheese Factories;
- Co-ops;
- Farm Supplies;
- Feed Mills/Feed Storage;
- Seed/Fertilizer/Chemical Supplies;

- Implement/Equipment Dealerships;
- AI Industry;
- Animal Nutrition;
- Grain Marketing;
- Dairy Equipment and Supplies;
- Dairy Plants;
- Agricultural Equipment;
- Livestock Haulers;
- Nutrition/Feed Suppliers;
- Veterinary Care;
- Vegetable Processors; and
- Miscellaneous Activities.

After the committee discussed these activities and providers above, the committee went through the Agricultural Infrastructure Trends which required the committee to review sentences/statements that were made in 2012 to see if they needed an update or total overhaul of the statement presented, or to even delete the statement altogether. Notes for both discussions were compiled by Ken Jaworski, Cedar Corp, and Tina Kolhman, UW-Extension.

The final discussion for the night was a brief presentation and review of Nutrient Management Plan Materials from the Fond du Lac County County Conservationist, Paul Tollard. It was an informative discussion that clarified some questions the committee had about the plan.

5. Future agenda items and meeting date.

Ken Jaworski informed the committee that the final meeting agenda would consist of a final review for the information in the report along with some other topics. The committee discussed the potential next meeting date to be in December. The official date would be decided upon at a later time.

6. Adjournment.

Motion (Bartzen/Wiese) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Dietzel